

Acceptable Internet Use Guidelines-St. Wenceslaus

In our Catholic Christian setting, your son/daughter is expected to conduct himself/herself in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner. They are expected to show this behavior whenever or wherever he/she is using computer technology and its associated hardware and software.

Our mission is to provide St. Wenceslaus students with computer basic skills to enhance their learning. This year your son/daughter has the opportunity to use an information system known as the World Wide Web on the Internet, with the purpose to participate in curriculum enhancing projects.

In order to be allowed access to the computers and software connected to the Internet, our students and parents must review these guidelines and agree, by their signatures (see form below which needs to be returned to school prior to the first day of computer class), to abide by the Acceptable Internet Use Guidelines. These guidelines include but are not limited to:

- Use of the Internet is for educational purposes only with specific objections monitored by a teacher. Every effort will be made to insure appropriate web sites.
- The Internet provides access to the worldwide system of information, not governed by an entity. This leaves no limits or checks on the kind of information that is maintained by and accessible to Internet users. For this reason, it is the student's responsibility to immediately get out of programs, files, or sites where they do not belong. Any other student or supervising adult observing, share in this responsibility. St. Wenceslaus has invested in a filtering system, Websense, to help monitor websites.
- Students are expected to be courteous and use appropriate language at all times.
- Teachers will monitor contents of any communications or research materials.
- Students may never transmit their own or any other person's address, image, or phone number.
- Students will not use the network in such a way that it would disrupt its use by other users.
- Reminder: copyright laws must be observed.
- As students navigate the Internet and retrieve information for class assignments and research paper, they are to be knowledgeable of their sources and cite them accordingly. If information is an opinion, it is not being stated as fact.
- St. Wenceslaus will not be responsible for any costs, expenses, or purchases made using the school's telecommunications systems such as the Internet.

The use of the Internet at St. Wenceslaus is considered a privilege, not a right. First time violators of school policy will receive, but are not limited to, a one month suspension from all computer usage within the school and may receive an in-school suspension. Further offenses will result in student being placed in the discipline cycle (see School Handbook) and the student will not have computer usage at St. Wenceslaus for the rest of the school year. The decision of the school administration is final.

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I have read and will follow the guidelines for Internet use at St. Wenceslaus.

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____